

GREEN GULLY SOCCER CLUB

League Championship

Ampol Cup

Dockerty Cup

SOUVENIR 1981





GREEN GULLY SOCCER CLUB

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Manager/Coach: Bobby McLachlan

Team Manager: Mario Borg

Honours: State League Champions
1981, Dockerty Cup
Winners 1981, Ampol Cup
Winners 1981 & 1979

Champions Metro.
Division One 1976

Champions Metro.
Division Two 1971

Reserve Coach: Joe Camilleri

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Colours: Green Shirts, White Shorts,
Green Socks

Alternative: White Shirts, Green
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Caption to front cover: TEAM OF 1981

Back row left to right: V. Lakis (Sec.), B. Braini, C. Darmanin, G. Spiteri (Pres.), M. Coughlan, D. Witkowski, A. Aquilina, V. Pace. Third row: R. O'Shannessy, Peter Lewis, G. MacLeod, E. Grech, L. Denys, M. Lukac, S. Cannell, K. Greechan, H. Grupetta. Second row: J. Chircop, M. Borg, A. Vassallo, J. Williams, B. Morrey, G. Bennett, J. Borg. Front row: P. Azzopardi (V-Pres.), G. Wallace, J. Gardiner, B. McLachlan, D. Hogben, Paul Lewis, A. Langer (Treas.)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



"This time last year I wrote "Lets work towards No. 1 in '81". Never in my wildest dreams did I think then that twelve months later our club would be Victorian State League Champions '81, Ampol Cup Winners '81 and Dockerty Cup Winners '81. If I had known then, what I know now, I would not have worried one bit about the outcome of 1981, because we have the best Manager/Coach, the best players, the best committee and the best supporters of any club in this state.

The hard work that a lot of people put in this year, is what brought us success. They are too numerous to mention by name, but on behalf of the club I would like to say THANK YOU to all that were connected in any way with the success that has come our way. Congratulations to all and I hope that the enjoyment and pride that I feel is felt by all of you that have helped in any way.

Having said that, it would be remiss of me if I didn't mention some of the important cogs in our wheel of achievement. Above all else I give credit to Mr. Bobby McLachlan. To most people outside the club he would be the Coach. To me as club President, I can honestly say, that he was the mastermind, the guiding light and the instigator of just about

everything that has happened this year at Green Gully. He as team Manager built the best team this club has ever seen, as Coach he spent more time at the Gully than he spent at home, and as Publicity Co-ordinator he had this club in every major paper in this state and also in other states. His capacity for work on behalf of our club was phenomenal. We spent many a late night at the club discussing all sorts of matters, by late I mean 12, 1 or 2 a.m. and you have to remember that when I finally get to bed, Bobby is still on his way home to Blackburn with another hour's drive to go. Even then he might just ring me back with something that he'd just thought of on the way home. Bobby used to say to me after a win, "That's another one Guy". I say to you now Bob "There isn't any more, you've won them all. I hope that you are proud of yourself, I'm sure proud of you."

Mere words cannot describe what I feel towards Bobby McLachlan, so before I get sloppy and sentimental I would like to move on to Mario Borg, Team Manager, and to sincerely thank him for all the work that he has put in around the team and around the club. Mario is one of those people around the club who typifies the true supporter. Honest, hard working and reliable. We tend to take people like Mario for granted, but we would greatly miss him if he wasn't there. I personally hope that Mario stays around our club for a lot more years, we can surely do with more like him.

I have already said that we have the best soccer team in the state and you need a good squad to win the honours that we won this year, so I won't single anyone out from the team, but I must publicly thank our captain John Gardner for imparting his special training skills onto our players. He didn't have to do it, so I consider that as an action beyond the call of duty. We have a lot of hard workers in our committee and outside it and there are too many to mention, but definitely Vic Pace and the ladies in the canteen deserve a special mention and our undying gratitude. Without them we would have starved on many a day and night. The words of the song go something like this, "Money makes the world go round . . ." etc. and to me Arnold Langer our Treasurer made the club go round. At times I spent money quicker than he could raise it. Full credit must go to Arnold for his shrewd budgeting and for his financial wheeling and dealing. Through his talents we have had a great year.

I could go on and on about this year and the people who made it happen, but I have already been asked, "What are our plans for the future". As for the future the committee has already passed a resolution that "the club sets its aims to become a top club in Australia". This might take us into the Australian Soccer League, The Super League or a top Victorian State League. Whatever the top echelon of soccer might be in the future we are gearing ourselves towards this one aim. To compete with the best in the land. With this in mind we have placed various submissions before Keilor Council for upgrading our spectator facilities and have been promised their support. We have so far been granted permission for a press box, street lighting leading to the social club, sealing of the roadway to the social club and additional floodlights for training purposes. The club is committed to these projects and work will start in earnest irrespective of which league we might be in next year. I would like to take this opportunity to call all true supporters to rally round these projects in the summer to show one and all that Green Gully do not intend to be just a one year wonder. We have to work harder now that we are at the top to make sure that we stay there.

On a personal note I wish to thank my wife Jeanette for putting up with me for so long, being away from home and at the club. I hope that she can understand my total commitment to the club and put up with me a few more years yet. Jeanette, my love, I've only just begun to work.

GREEN GULLY FOR EVER !

MANAGER'S REPORT

If ever the opportunity becomes available for me to put pen to paper in order to compile a list of soccer memoirs, I can assure you that the two wonderful years spent at Green Gully would have to take pride of place, especially season 1981. The sight of Victoria's three most important cups, the Ampol Cup, State League Championship, and Dockerty Cup, gleaming proudly on display in the Gully clubrooms, gives one a great deal of satisfaction to have been part of such a magnificent achievement. Trophies and cups are so important to a club. They represent something that can be looked at, touched, admired and also serve as references for future aims.

If anybody thinks they are easy to come by, believe me that is not the case. Hours and hours of hard work, sweat, toil, heartbreak, pain, anguish, frustration and luck are only a few of the ingredients which go together to stake a claim to one of these coveted awards.

It wasn't easy to tell the biggest majority of last year's squad that their services were no longer required, but a clean sweep had to be made and the big rebuilding plan went into operation. The committee stressed that top priority be given to the goalscoring department so the wheels were set into motion with Scotland and England being contacted. A few weeks later a tall powerfully built striker set foot on the playing surface of Green Gully for the first time, much to the eager anticipation of a few ardent fans and enthusiastic committeemen. Two training sessions and two games later, the so called experts and critics that hang around the Gully were in full voice stating that a terrible blunder had been made and the player was not good enough to fit the bill. But I look back with a smile to the Ampol Cup final when the same player scored the winning goal and was immediately acclaimed a hero by the same instant experts. — Supporters are fickle —.

Gus MacLeod the player in question went on to become not only the top goalscorer in the league but also one of the most likeable and lovable characters ever to put on a Green Gully jersey. Proving to be a very valuable acquisition. At the other end of the team a huge gaping hole had emerged due to the departure of "Mt. Personality", Jimmy Dunne, and to fill this position was not going to be easy. When I first mentioned the name John Gardiner, to say that it met with a cold response would be the understatement of the year, but after many weeks of searching and only mediocre players available, it was decided on my recommendation that as we were only looking for top class players, then John Gardiner was the man for the job. Guy Spirelli and Arnold Langer swung into action with their usual efficiency and two days later John Gardiner was a Green Gully player.

All hell was let loose, due possibly to the fact that John last year had been the coach of our main rivals Croatia and also a former player of the other Maltese club George Cross. The phone started ringing with monotonous regularity that I received invitations to attend Telecom staff dances. Most of the calls were of a "How long do you think it will last" nature, and "You better not turn your back or you will be stabbed to death". In fact I began to die so many deaths that I



started getting fan mail from undertakers. But fortunately for Green Gully, eight months and three cups later, again the critics had been thwarted. John has proved himself to be one of the best signings the club has ever made and I'm sure his style of play which has class stamped all over it, has given our supporters many hours of enjoyment. Also his contribution to training sessions has played a very important part in our quest for success. — Another valuable acquisition. There is not enough space for me to single out every individual player but with these two cuses, one locally and one overseas, I have tried to give people an insight as to what is involved in building a team.

It is not possible to always be successful in a signing venture but this year Green Gully has been more than adequately reimbursed in this particular field. I have nothing but praise and admiration for all the players efforts. The team spirit was excellent with every member proud to play for Green Gully.

This statement is endorsed by the fact that when bonuses were mentioned, they preferred to go out and win the game first, then talk about money afterwards.

I would like to thank Mario Borg for his tremendous work behind the scenes which often go unnoticed. He is definitely the most one-eyed supporter it has ever been my fortune to meet, and on behalf of the players I have no hesitation in bestowing on him the title of "Mr Green Gully".

John Borg (Masseur) and the other backroom boys Charlie, Joe, Jimmy, deserve special praise for their efforts throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the reserves coach, Joe Camilleri who did a very creditable job with our young up and coming starlets.

Two of these young players were the goalkeepers Michael Lukac and Lino Grech and although they never actually played in the first team I respect the keenness and the enthusiasm they showed towards their training and their availability.

A special mention must go to Victor Pace and the bevy of beauties which continually surrounded him in the canteen. Meeting the demands of the ravenous refugees from overseas. Sincerely, that you Victor and ladies for your courtesy and friendliness.

I would like to express my appreciation to the committee for backing me up at all times.

Also it would be very remiss of me if I did not pay tribute to my president Guy Spiteri and treasurer Arnold Langer (a.k.a "The Odd Couple"). By the way there is no truth in the rumour that during the season I had reduced both men to nervous wrecks, so much so that Arnold broke into Jo Jo's piggy bank in order to get some money to sign another player.

I hope the people at Green Gully realise that both men have very few peers in their respective positions. The clubrooms have become something of a trap to me and I find great difficulty some nights dragging myself away from enjoyable discussions with various supporters. Names like Michael (shop steward), Nino, Charlie, Gerry, Rudi, Eddie, Bill H., Joe, Billy, are only a few of the people who always make me feel welcome. Indeed I was delighted to read that Fred Villiers had acclaimed the Gully supporters as the best in the league.

Finally I would like to say thank you to: Lou Denys, Peter Lewis, Gerry Bennett, John Gardiner, Stuart Cannell, Kit Greechan, Willie Vasallo, Alan Bennett, Jimmy Williams, Gus MacLeod, Bill Murrey, David Hogben, Kevin Wall and Paul Lewis, for a most memorable season.

*Bobby
Lukac*





Chairman of the Victorian Soccer Federation, Mr. Michael Weinstein presenting the State League Championship Cup to John Gardiner.

LOU DENYS, *Goalkeeper*

Although not kept as busy as in previous years, in one way the past season was his hardest as he had to keep concentrating despite being out of the action for long periods in most matches. Fortunately he matched up to the task and pulled off some spectacular saves, including the one from Ken Murphy in the league game against Essendon at Olympic Park which must rank as the save of the year. Also had a fine game in the Dockerty Cup final. Denys is fast becoming an institution at Gully — he has been involved at the club since the first year in State League, has played a role in all four major honors won by the club, and was the first player to reach the 100 league appearance for Gully. What's more he seems capable of carrying on for a lot more years yet. Kept seventeen clean-sheets in the league. Born Austria 27 March 1951. Career record: St. Albans (Metro League); Green Gully 77-81: 107 apps.



PETER LEWIS, *Defender*

The hard man of the back four, Peter filled the right back position for most of the year but did equally well when called to play at centre half in the absence of Stuart Cannell. Rugged and aggressive when it comes to tackling he also possesses a good burst of speed and is no slouch when it comes to heading as he proved with his goal in the Dockerty Cup final. His \$1,000 transfer from Altona at the start of the season must rate as one of the bargains of the season. Green Gully is his third Australian club. He joined Sunshine from Scotland in March 1976 and spent two years there before moving on to the Maroons to captain the side out of two relegation battles. Born Scotland 9 October 1955. Career details: Sunshine 76-77 Lge 35 apps. + 3 sub 2 goals; Altona 78-80 Lge 53 apps. + 1 sub 6 goals; Green Gully 81 Lge 20 apps. + 1 sub 1 goal. Debut for Gully: v Juventus (Ampol Cup) L0 1 7/2/81.

STUART CANNELL, *Defender*

Tall commanding centre half who led Soccer Action's Player of the Year award for nearly half the season. Also figured highly in the club's player of the year and polled seven votes in the Rothmans medal but was unfortunate to be hampered by suspension towards the end of the season. Was Peter Lewis' team mate at Altona whom he joined in June 1979 after playing for Doncaster Rovers in England on a non-contract basis. At Altona was used occasionally in midfield and in emergencies even played in attack but at Gully has been allowed to settle in his best position in front of John Gardiner. At Altona was an everpresent in the league in 1980. For Gully played in both Ampol Cup and Dockerty Cup finals this year. Born England 3 December 1958. Career details: Altona City 79-80 Lge 36 apps. 3 goals; Green Gully 81 Lge 19 apps. Debut for Gully: v Juventus (Ampol Cup) L0-1 7/2/81.



JOHN GARDINER, *Utility*

Is the hot favorite to take out the Bill Fleming award for the State League's best player of the year according to the press. If he wins it will compensate for the Rothmans Medal where he again was favorite but finished on 16 votes, nine behind winner Charlie Egan. The brain behind Gully's onfield performances, he inspired the side with his cool leadership from sweeper throughout the league campaign, to easily repay the \$5,000 Gully paid for him to Essendon at the start of the year. Has won all the major honors in Victorian soccer, in most cases more than once. They include three league championships, four Ampol Cups, three Dockerty Cups, and two Rothmans Medals. Now 34 years old but has already said he will play again next year. Once he hangs up his boots is assured of a long career in coaching, as he has already become a staff coach with the ASF being one of only three Victorians with a full senior coaching badge. Born Scotland 31 August 1947. Career details: George Cross 1969-1975: Essendon 76-80 State Lge 54 apps. + 3 sub, 3 goals; South Melbourne 77 PSL, 14 apps.; Green Gully 81 State Lge 22 apps. 2 goals. Debut for gully: v Croydon (Ampol Cup) W2-2 pens 15/2/81.



GERRY BENNETT, *Fullback*

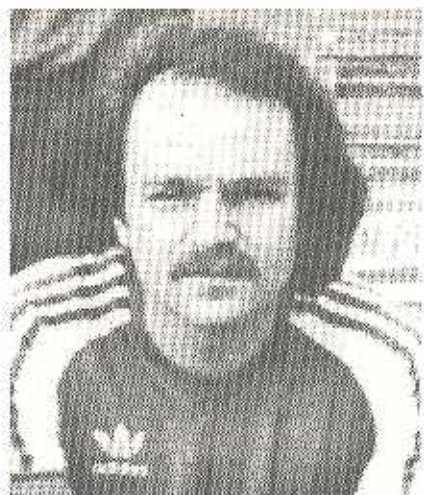
One of four everpresents in the league and in the eye of most supporters, one of the most consistent players. His performances at left back were reliably good and it was only because he had so many other name players around him that he didn't figure higher in the individual awards. 1981 was the first season he played in his true position as last year he was used in the middle of the park because of the club's shortage of quality midfielders. Joined Gully in February 1980 from English non-league on the recommendation of former Green Gully player Steve Lennie. He and Bill Morrey flew out to Melbourne together. Born England 9 August 1958. Career details: Green Gully 80-81 43 apps. 1 goal. Debut for Gully: v Werribee (Dockerty Cup) W6-0 22/3/80.



WILLIE VASSALLO, *Midfielder*

The quiet man of the side but able to mix it with the best out on the park. A good reader of the game, he rarely gets given the credit he deserves for the skill he possesses. Was the club's player of the year in 1979 and is the only other player apart from Lou Denys to have figured in all of Gully's five seasons in the State League. Was first secured on loan from Floriana in Malta in May 1977 and then signed on a permanent basis in 1980 for \$4,000. In Malta he was the captain of Floriana and the Maltese national team. At Gully he was hampered by injuries in his second season and required the removal of both cartilages but despite that is now nearing the 80 figure mark in league appearances for the club. Was the club's leading vote getter in the Rothmans Medal in 1980. Born Malta 4 September 1949. Career details: Green Gully 77-81 77 apps. + 1 sub 6 goals. Debut for Gully: v Ringwood City (home) D1-1 22/5/77.





JIM WILLIAMS, *Midfielder*

One of the club's dearest buys, Williams, a Victorian State representative joined Gully from Philips League club Heidelberg for \$4,000 in March this year. Originally from South Liverpool, Williams spent three seasons at Prahran Slavia where he filled a winger's role. Joined Heidelberg last year where Len McKendry converted him into a midfielder. At Gully also was bought for a midfield role but his keen sense for going forward was utilised to the full with his bursts down the left flank. Although not renowned as a goalscorer he set up several for the front runners during the season. Played one of his best games in the derby against George Cross at home. Was secured by Gully on the eve of the Ampol Cup semi final but was deprived from playing in either the semi-final or the final because of a VSF rule which does not allow a player to turn out in the finals unless he has played for the club in one of the earlier rounds. Born England 3 April 1954. Career details: Prahran Slavia 77-80 State Lge 52 apps. + 3 sub 4 goals; Heidelberg 80 PSL 2 apps. + 6 sub; Green Gully 81 State Lge 15 apps. + 3 sub 1 goal. Debut for Gully: v Sunshine (lge) W1-0 4/4/81.

KIT GREECHAN, *Midfielder*

Has answered Gully's prayer for a goalscoring midfielder bagging nine in the league and two in the Dockerty Cup. Kit was signed in a swap deal from Western Suburbs in February this year which was worth \$1,500 plus Billy Vojtek crossing the other way as player coach. The Scot has been used mainly on the right side of midfield but on occasions played up front as a winger with equal effect as demonstrated in the Dockerty Cup final. His winners medals in the Ampol Cup and Dockerty Cup as well as any mementos the club will give out for the State League championship will provide stark contrast to Kit's earlier seasons in Victorian soccer where he played for two relegated teams . . . Albion and Suburbs. He joined Albion in 1977 after playing for Celtic's reserves and Peter Shill and was part of their first division championship win but the following two seasons saw struggles against relegation the second of which was lost with the result that the club returned to the Metro. Greechan moved to Suburbs in 1980 where despite finishing as club top scorer with six goals the club also failed to avoid the drop. Born Scotland 17 January 1956. Career details: Albion Rovers 78-79 State Lge 31 apps. + 3 sub 4 goals; Western Suburbs 80 Stage Lge 19 apps. 6 goals; Green Gully 81 State Lge 19 apps. + 2 sub 9 goals. Debut for Gully: v Juventus L0-1 (Ampol Cup) 7/2/81.



ALAN BENNETT, *Midfielder*

One of the club's four overseas recruits, Alan Bennett joined the club in June after lengthy hiccups over his visa from the Immigration department. The midfielder has packed in five full seasons with East Stirling in Scotland prior to coming to Gully and at 25 still has plenty of good soccer left in him. Alan made his debut against Polonia Maribyrnong in the Dockerty Cup in similar circumstances to Frankston's Charlie Egan going to the ground practically straight from the airport. He was however hampered by a groin injury and was restricted to seven league games although he did play a significant part in the Dockerty Cup games.



GORDON WALLACE, *Forward*

Another striker dogged by injury, Gordon was forced out of the game in the last game of the season against Altona. The leg was placed in plaster straight after and the worst was feared but it has since been diagnosed as ankle ligaments and the striker is expected back in the fray for the State League Cup. Wallace was recruited on the recommendation of Gus MacLeod but that was backed up by a lengthy career in Scottish soccer with a number of clubs including Dundee United and Raith Rovers. He arrived in Australia in May and scored his debut against Juventus. The three injuries he sustained restricted him to nine appearances but how well he played is reflected by the fact that he finishes high up in the count in the club's player of the year award. Born Scotland 25 March 1949. Debut for Gully; v Juventus W4-0 (State Lge) 31/5/81. 9 apps. + 1 sub 3 goals.

DAVID HOGBEN, *Utility*

Was unlucky to miss out on selection for the Australian Youth team for the World Youth championship after his best season yet in senior soccer. Despite being still only 19 has already figured in three State League campaigns for the club and his performances this year kept name players like Jim Williams, Alan Bennett and Kevin Wall on the bench at one stage or another of the season. Alternated between fullback and midfield as the need arose and has earned a reputation for blotting out the opposition's main dangerman. Scored his first ever senior goal for the club in the Dockerty Cup tie against Polonia Maribyrnong. Collected 14 votes in the Rothmans Medal, an incredible effort to finish 12th in the count. Born Australia 27 November 1961. Career details: Green Gully 79-81 Lge 38 apps. + 7 sub. Debut for Gully; v Prahran Slavia (home) 1-1-2 18/8/79.



PAUL LEWIS, *Forward*

The club's most recent arrival and until now permanent substitute. But that might change after the top performance he gave in the Dockerty Cup final and given the benefit of starting pre-season training on even terms with the rest of the squad. Lewis was an apprentice with English third division club Chester before moving on to Oswestry Town. His arrival in Australia was a long drawn affair as he migrated here rather than be on a temporary visa, but the wait has been well worth it and the youngster looks set for a long and successful career in Australian soccer. Born England 28 April 1961. Debut for Gully; v Norwiche W5-1 (State Lge) 5/7/81. Total 2 apps. + 3 sub 2 goals.



BILL MORREY, *Forward*

Morrey's dashes down the flanks and crosses into the box have become part and parcel of Gully's tactics but the winger was hampered by injuries this season and forced to miss quite a number of matches. The injury bug stuck right to the end when he pulled a muscle in the Dockerty Cup triumph. The winger joined Gully from Marine (UK) in February last year and in the first season had the double barrelled job of scoring goals as well as making them. The scoring duties eased this season with the arrival of the several new players. Born England 25 October 1951. Career details: Gully 80-81 (State Lge) 36 apps. + 2 sub seven goals.

GUS MacLEOD, *Forward*

The big man of the Gully front line who took out the State League's scoring honors in only his first season here. Big Gus' scoring prowess was one of the big factors behind the club's championship win but apart from the honors, he also won over the supporters' hearts with his genuine effort and attitude. Finished second in the club's player of the year award and also was equal third in the Rothmans Medal count. He joined the club after nearing a century of goals in Scottish non-league soccer with leading club Pollock. MacLeod scored one of the goals in the Ampol Cup final and must still be wondering why his effort in the Dockerty Cup final was disallowed. His 20 goal haul in the league included a hat-trick against Northcote and five sets of doubles against Croydon, Hakoah, Frankston, Juventus and Northcote. He was also top scorer in the Ampol Cup with seven goals.



KEVIN WALL, *Forward*

The up and coming young striker has packed a lot of hard work into his first season at Gully and although things have not always gone his way he has benefitted greatly from the experience and will be a better player for it in seasons to come. Apart from giving his all in the forward line Kevin has done a ton of work coming back to help in defensive duties and has earned every one of his 18 appearances for the club. His determination to make it is emphasised by the fact he chose to join the club although it meant travelling all the way from Frankston every time either for training or playing. Was part of the Frankston Pines side which won the Metropolitan Fourth division before moving to Frankston City in 1980 where he notched up 12 goals to become the club's top scorer. This season he added another top achievement scoring two goals for Gully in the Ampol Cup final. Born Australia 19 September 1960. Career details: Frankston Pines Metropolitan League; Frankston City 1980 State Lge 20 apps. 12 goals; Green Gully 1980 State Lge 14 apps. + 4 sub 4 goals. Debut for Gully; v Juventus L0-1 Ampol Cup 7/2/81.

REVIEW OF THE SEASON

What does one do to follow an act like 1981?

The question has already started doing the rounds at Green Gully and in anyone's language it is going to be hard to emulate the season just past, let alone surpass the achievements.

Green Gully, winners of the State League, the Ampol Cup, the Dockerty Cup and favoured to take the Top Four Series... a record unmatched in the history of the club and one that makes all the hard work put in by Harry Moakes and his loyal band of pioneers in 1956 and after, all worthwhile now.

Sensibly after achieving the major honours in Victoria, the Green Gully administrators are looking at a move towards national recognition by applying for admission into the Philips League.

Nobody will know until November whether promotion and relegation will take place in the P.S.L. or what the chances are of a fifth Melbourne club being admitted, but applying for admission is a positive and progressive step by the club and all concerned with Green Gully must work for eventual participation in the top league of the country whether it be known as Philips League or Australian Soccer League or any other title in the future.

With this in mind the club has already made moves to improve the ground with big plans for a grandstand, terracing and pressbox for the main park. The terracing at the far side will require the road behind the pitch to be moved 30 metres back and so far this has proved a big obstacle. As in previous cases and in sharp contrast with areas like Northcote and Frankston Pines. The Keilor Council is taking its time to come to the party. Hopefully it will recognise in the near future the tremendous amount of interest the club is generating in the area and shift its backing wholeheartedly behind the club. Only then will Green Gully's task of becoming a major force in the National set-up, stand a chance of turning into reality.

While not resting on laurels, it is worthwhile to take a breather and have a look at what has been achieved in the past twelve months within Green Gully.

In a blaze of unparalleled publicity the club signed seven new players between the pre-season and the end of the Ampol Cup.

In order of arrival they were Kevin Wall from Frankston City, Stuart Cannell from Altona City, Kit Greechan from Western Suburbs and



by Peter Desira
Sun Soccer Writer

Gus Macleod from Scottish club Pollock. All these four were signed before a ball was kicked in anger in the first round of the Ampol Cup in February.

After them John Gardiner joined from Essendon for \$5000 and Jim Williams moved from Heidelberg on the eve of the Ampol Cup Semi-Finals.

As is the norm at Gully, the main influence behind the signings was live wire Manager-Coach Bobby McLachlan.

The super-smooth talker convinced Wall to join Gully ahead of 4 other interested clubs (Essendon, Croydon, Hakoah and George Cross) despite the fact that he lived (and still does) down Frankston way — a drive of 90 minutes everytime he has to come up for training or for matches.

Cannell and Lewis were both disillusioned at Altona but they came to the club in contrasting circumstances.

McLachlan was looking for a centre-back early on and had Cannell in his sights for a long time. The former Doncaster Rovers (UK) player made the cross-over successfully after returning from a holiday in England in December. Cannell felt there was a possibility to earn a free transfer from Altona through an alleged breach of contract, but Gully wisely elected to go through the proper channels and is understood to have signed him for \$2000.

Lewis was signed almost as an afterthought but has turned out to be the bargain of the season at a fee of around \$1000.



CANNELL and LEWIS No.2 assault the Sunshine goal.

The rugged no-nonsense fullback had been linked with Essendon for a long time and McLachlan's priorities had been in securing forward line players, so a transfer to Gully didn't seem a possibility. But once the opportunity presented itself the Gully Manager had the deal sealed and settled in two days and Lewis played no small part in establishing the Gully defence as the meanest in the league at giving goals away.

Greechan has proved another super buy scoring nine goals from midfield in the league campaign.

After playing in two relegated teams, he didn't take much convincing to make the move to Gully and even in January he was convinced of his ambition.

"I'd like to be part of a championship winning side" he told me on the night he signed for Gully, when I asked him the reason behind the move.

Gus Macleod's arrival from Scotland was anticipated for a long time, but the wait proved more than worthwhile, as the big man has proved a great character off the park as well as the answer to Gully's five year long prayer for a reliable and regular goalscorer.

Gus scored a century of goals with Scottish non-league club Pollock and has carried on from there with over 30 in his first season in Ajax colours.



GUS MACLEOD showing off his now famous salute after scoring a goal.

It seems inconceivable now, but the debut for the five players turned sour as they figured in Gully's 0-1 defeat to Juventus on the opening round of the Ampol Cup.

Within a few days John Gardiner was signed from Essendon and with his steady influence added to the backline there was no looking back.

His debut provided a morale boosting win over Croydon, albeit it took penalty kicks to do it.

Both Kevin Wall and Gus Macleod opened their scoring accounts for the club in the following game in the 4-2 win over Sunshine and Gus notched only the second hat-trick in the club's Ampol Cup history in the 3-1 victory over Northcote two weeks later.

The side's capability to handle pressure was revealed from early in the season, when it managed to win all the three sudden-death penalty showdowns it was involved in.

The first was at Croydon, this was followed by another at Doveton at the end of a 1-1 draw, also in the qualifying rounds and the most important was the semi-final victory over Essendon after a 2-2 scoreline at the end of extra time.

The photograph of Willie Vassallo's relief after converting his penalty shot against Essendon will reign as a classic in my book for a long, long time.

This ability to handle pressure was a big factor for Gully all season and the side managed to come up trumps everytime the chips were down.

The semi-final win over Essendon was all the more significant as the team had been outplayed and defeated 3-1 by Essendon midweek in the Philips Cup tie.

In the Ampol Cup Final, Croydon coach Billy McArthur provided Gus Macleod with all the motivation he needed by questioning the publicity the striker had been getting on a radio programme.

Fittingly Gus scored the winner in the dying minutes of the game after Croydon had pegged back from 0-2 down to equalise 2-2 in the second half.

The striker couldn't resist going to the Croydon bench to give McArthur some lip back.



Kevin Wall, scorer of 2 goals, captain John Gardiner and Manager-Coach Bobby McLachlan with the Ampol Cup.

Before the semis, Gully had swooped in for another signing namely Jim Williams from Heidelberg, paying a reported \$4000.

Williams' wing exploits were known to Gully as he had scored twice in matches for Slavia against the Greens before his move to Heidelberg in 1980, but McLachlan wanted him to bolster the midfield department.

But winger or midfielder, Williams had to sit-out the big games, painstakingly on the bench as a VSF rule prevents players from turning out for a club in the semis and final unless he has played in one of the earlier rounds.

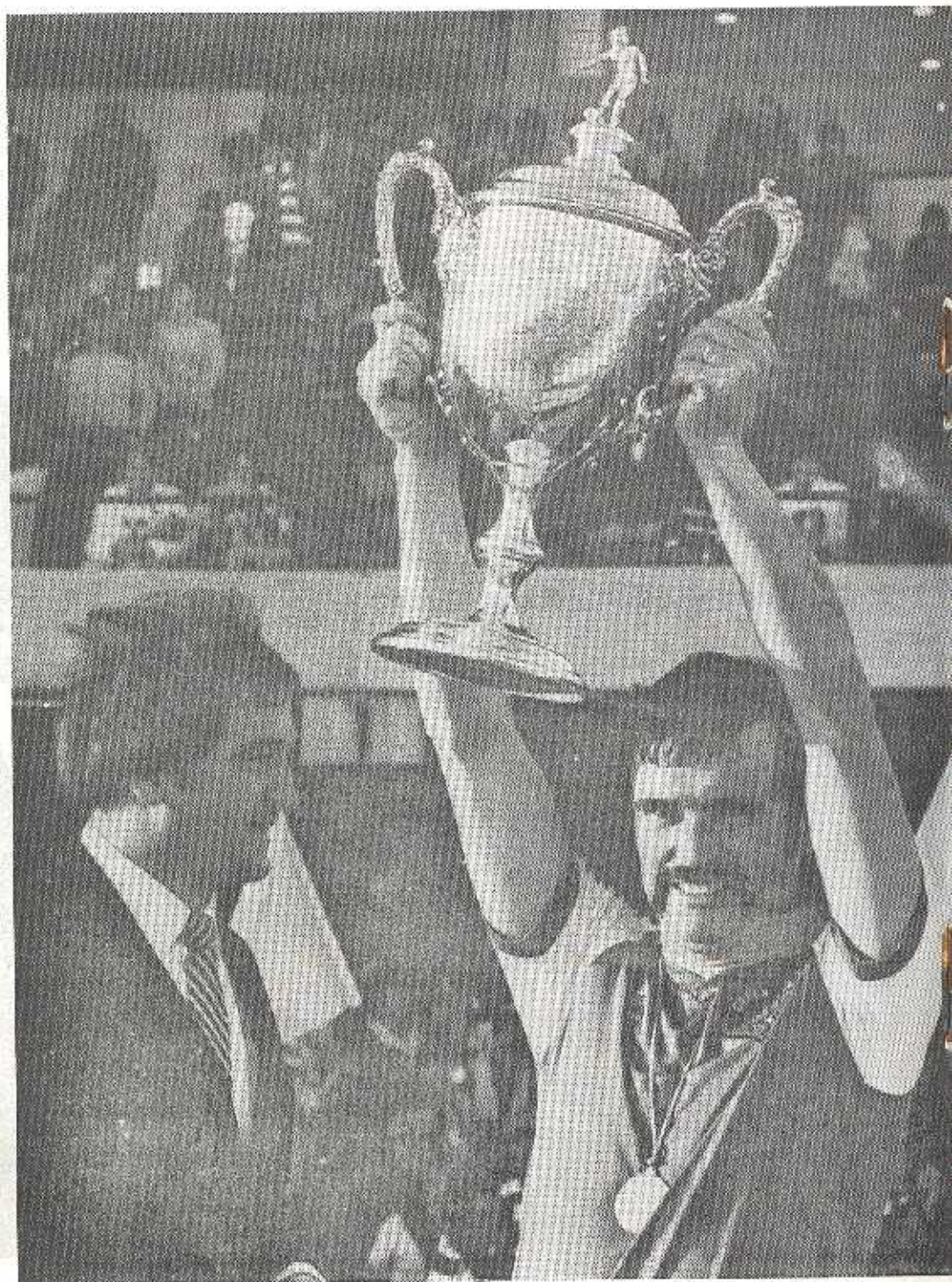
Williams finally made his debut on the opening day of the league at Sunshine where Gully scraped through in an even match with a first half goal from Greechan.

The number of signings meant that some players had to be transferred to balance the books.

Bill Fleming Medal winner Jimmy Dunne had been snapped up by Philips League club Brisbane City for around \$9000, then Billy Vojtek formed part of the exchange deal for Greechan, going to Western Suburbs as player-coach.



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Mr. John Dimtsis, President, Victorian Soccer Federation, presents the Dockerty Cup to John Gardiner.



It's all smiles after the presentation of the Dockerty Cup

Front left to right: Gerry Bennett, Stuart Cannell, Bobby MacLachlan, Peter Lewis, David Hogben,
Centre: Jimmy Williams, Willie Vossallo, Paul Lewis, Alan Bennett, John Gordiner, Gus Macleod, Mario Borg (Team Manager)
Taking a peak in back row: Lino Green, Kevin Weir, Bill Morrey, Kit Greeshan, Lou Denys.

Vojtek was soon back at the club to sign the then Gully overall top-scorer Andy Segi for \$1500.

Progressive Metropolitan League club Morwell, snared Dave Perkin for \$3000 and also got Grant Smart for a bargain \$2000. John Patten and Steve Bennie left for Springvale for a reported \$4000. The final departure of fullback Steve Crilly to Werribee was completed in May for around \$800.

Northcote sprang to a surprise lead in the second game of the league, but goals from Macleod twice and Billy Morrey turned the game Gully's way in the second half.

This was followed by a dour game at Doveton with both defences dominant and a 0-0 scoreline.

The match everyone looks forward to at the club — the derby against George Cross — was next and this too was another tight game with Cross holding out until 6 minutes from the end, when Greechan bobbed up to head another vital goal.

The Greens shot to top of the table with a big walloping of Ringwood City in which the scoring was shared by five players.

Hakoah scored only the second goal against the Gully defence for the season, but it proved enough to provide the Skyblues an upset victory on a Saturday afternoon in May.



Jimmy Dunne transferred to Brisbane City.

Nevertheless fate smiled on the club when Croydon dropped a point allowing Gully to hold on to top spot. And the week was followed by a comparatively easy Dockerty Cup fixture against Albion which gave the team time to regroup and resume the championship challenge.

Albion was disposed of by four goals and the scoring mood continued for two more games with 3-0 and 4-0 wins over Frankston and Juventus.

Another newcomer made his debut in the Juventus game — this time Scottish import Gordon Wallace. The 30 year-old striker had a lengthy career in the Scottish League and was swayed to come to Australia through his friendship with Gus Macleod.

Wallace had a dream debut scoring one of the 4 goals.



Gordon Wallace scoring his magic goal against Juventus on his debut.

The club had originally been looking towards English striker Paul Lewis as the ideal partner for Macleod up front.

Negotiations for him had started in February but the matter kept being pegged back by Immigration Officials in UK to the extent that club officials gave up hope of ever seeing the former Chester apprentice here at one stage.

Lewis did arrive finally early in August as a permanent visa player, and since then has proved he has a big future ahead of him in the game in Australia.

Prior to Paul Lewis' arrival, Gully had plunged into another confusing name situation (when you talk of Lewis, you have to distinguish whether its Peter or Paul nowadays) with the signing of Alan Bennett.

Alan is a Scot and a midfielder as distinct from Gerry Bennett who is English and firmly established at fullback. Alan Bennett was brought out in June and made his debut in the Dockerty Cup against Polonia Maribyrnong.

Going back to the league and the two wins over Frankston & Juventus brought the tally of points to 13 from eight games — four more than the side everyone feared most, Essendon. So the pressure was off the Gully lads for the clash between the two sides — it was Essendon who had to do the forcing, a draw would have sufficed for the greens.

Everything went according to plan for 89 minutes, but alas a defensive lapse let in Noel Mitten and Essendon left Green Gully Reserve with two points and renewed vigour for the championship challenge. What's more Gully floundered on the muddy Croydon park the following week, going under 2-3 and conceding the leadership.

David Hogben had, up till then, figured largely as a substitute, but he got a boost by scoring his first ever goal for the club at senior level, in the 2-1 Dockerty Cup win over Polonia Maribyrnong and from then on didn't look back.

McLachlan admitted that the young lad proved an embarrassment to him. "I le played so well you couldn't keep him out of the team, even at the expense of the other experienced players sitting on the bench" the coach said.

Hogben alternated between midfield and the backline, depending on the occasion and opponents and with a bit more recognition could



DAVID HOGBEN

have been a leading candidate for the Young Player of the Year. All the same, he has established himself as a top State League player and he can look back on the season with satisfaction.

Against Altona, in June, he was given the fullback spot, ahead of Peter Lewis. After the two defeats, the Western Suburbs derby proved a bit of a crisis point for the club, but Gordon Wallace scored the all important goal to secure two more points.

Around that time I remember writing in my column in the Gully Gazette that McLachlan's boys would have to improve on their record for the first half of the season if they were to achieve their target for the championship. The lads not only improved, but went through the second half of the season undefeated.

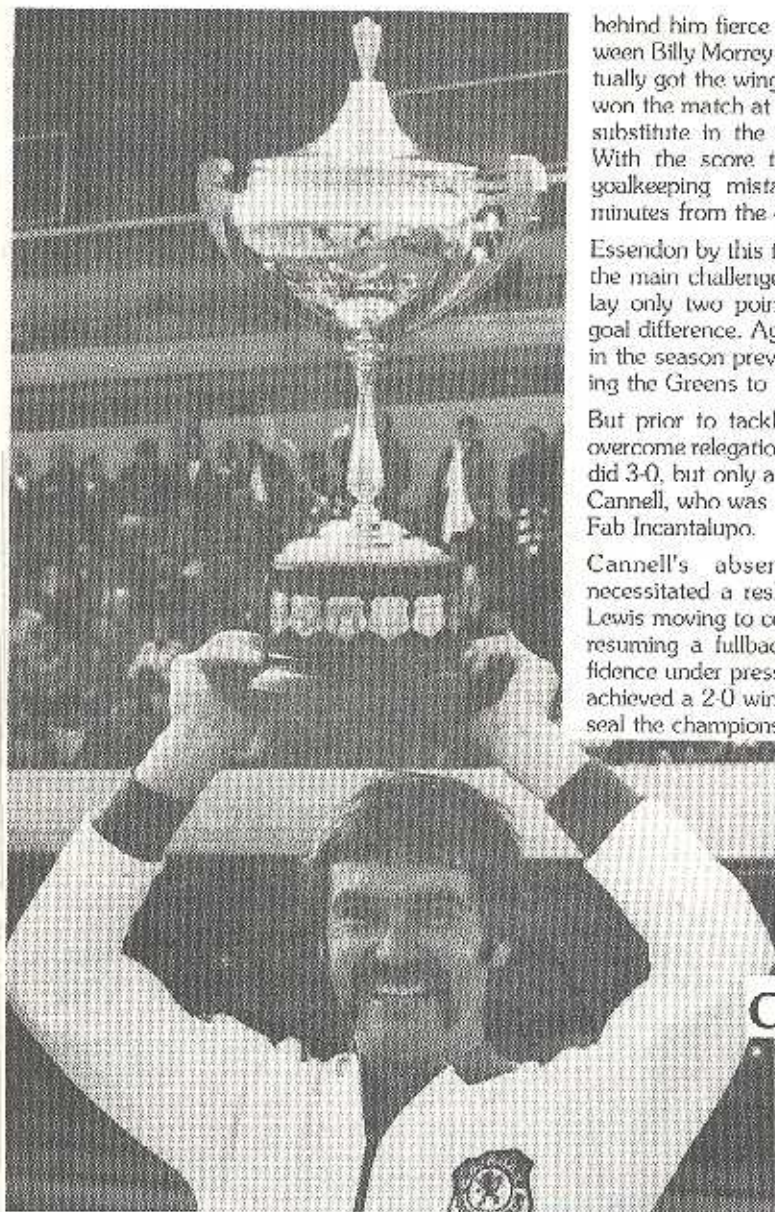
The reputation of Sunshine as the club's bogey team was finally laid to rest with a 3-1 victory and Gus Macleod hit the top of the scorers' chart with a hat-trick in the 5-1 victory over Northcote.

Doveton bucked the system by putting a 90 minute defensive barrier of 9 or 10 men to earn a scoreless draw on their ground.

Around 2000 supporters packed into Sunshine's Chaplin Reserve for the return clash against George Cross and Gully again emerged triumphant, amid the colorful scene. Big occasion man Kit Greechan opened the score in the 26th minute while Kevin Wall sealed the match with a second goal, 3 minutes into the second half.

The match at Ringwood was settled in the first 14 minutes with goals by Peter Lewis and Greechan, and ample revenge was gained over Hakoah with a 3-1 win at Middle Park.

Gordon Wallace was injured in that game and was forced into a three week lay-off leaving



The side needed only one point from the remaining two games to put the title beyond doubt and they achieved that with a 2-0 home win over Croydon.

Gus Macleod scored both the first from the penalty spot to close the gap on top scorer Ian Loughnane, down to one goal. Loughnane failed to score in the final round and Macleod netted one of the 3 goals in the win over Altona to make the top-scorer award a three way tie as

behind him fierce competition for his spot, between Billy Morrey and Paul Lewis. Morrey eventually got the winger role, but it was Lewis who won the match at Frankston after coming on as substitute in the dying minutes of the game. With the score tied 1-1 he capitalised on a goalkeeping mistake to net the winner two minutes from the end.

Essendon by this time had replaced Croydon as the main challengers for the championship and lay only two points behind Gully and inferior goal difference. Again circumstances like earlier in the season prevailed where a draw would bring the Greens to the ground.

But prior to tackling Essendon, Gully had to overcome relegation battlers Juventus. This they did 3-0, but only at the expense of losing Stuart Cannell, who was sent off after an incident with Fab Incantalupo.

Cannell's absence through suspension necessitated a reshuffle in defence, with Peter Lewis moving to centreback and David Hogben resuming a fullback spot. But again the confidence under pressure came through and Gully achieved a 2-0 win at Olympic Park to virtually seal the championship on August 23rd.

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Rothmans Medallist, Charlie Egan also reached the 20 goal figure in the final round.

The final record of the Gully reads 17 wins from 22 games, two draws and three defeats. Scored 47 goals, conceded a miserly 11 for a total of 36 points — six points ahead of runner-up Essendon.

The 36 points tally ranks equal with the best achieved in recent years by Preston (1980) and Essendon (1978).

Once the league was secure, the hunger for success switched the supporters attention to the Dockerty Cup, a 5-0 victory over Frankston City in the quarter final was followed by a 1-0 win over Croydon on Olympic Park No.2's bumpy pitch, leaving Sunshine to be faced in the final.

While the main glory for success goes to the players and the coach for such a tremendous effort, one cannot and must not review a season's work without mentioning the back-room boys.

The club committee's consistency in hard work, as well as their united backing of President Guy Spiteri, has provided the sound base on which Gully could form its successful formula. To them all — Vice President Paul Azzopardi, Secretary Van Lakis, Treasurer Arnold Langer, and members Fred Aquilina, Boris Brain, Jim Chircop, Martin Coughlan, Charlie Darmanin,

Harry Griperia, Ray O'Shannessy, Victor Pace and Dieter Witkowski — congratulations on a job well done.

A big pat on the back also to McLachlan's assistant Mario Borg, whose work in the dressing room hardly gets the recognition it deserves.

Of course these individuals only form the tip of the iceberg of the loyal band of volunteers who keep the club ticking over. With their continued support we are assured of many more enjoyable hours of top soccer at Gully Reserve in the coming season.

DOCKERTY CUP WINNERS



Happy faces all round after Dockerty Cup win, Gus Macleod showering his fellow team mates with champagne.

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AMPOL CUP APPEARANCES

BENNETT, G	7	SMART	6-1
CANNELL	7	GARDINER	6
DENYS	7	GREECHAN	5
LEWIS, Peter	7	CRILLY	2-1
MACLEOD	7	HOGBEN	2
MORREY	7	SEGI	-3
VASSALLO	7		
WALL	7		

GOALS

7	MACLEOD	1	MORREY
5	WALL	1	Peter LEWIS
1	CANNELL		

DOCKERTY CUP APPEARANCES

BENNETT, G	5	GREECHAN	4
CANNELL	5	HOGBEN	3
DENYS	5	VASSALLO	4
GARDINER	5	WILLIAMS	4
LEWIS, Peter	5	WALL	1-1
MACLEOD	5	LEWIS, Paul	-3
MORREY	5	BERANIC	-1
BENNETT, A.	4		

3	MACLEOD	1	MORREY
2	GREECHAN	1	VASSALLO
1	HOGBEN	1	WILLIAMS
2	Paul LEWIS	1	BERANIC
2	Peter LEWIS		

LEAGUE

BENNETT	22	HOGBEN	15-3
DENYS	22	WILLIAMS	15-3
GARDINER	22	MORREY	15-2
MACLEOD	22	WALL	14-4
Peter LEWIS	20-1	WALLACE	9-1
GREECHAN	19-2	BENNETT A.	7
VASSALLO	19-1	Paul LEWIS	2-3
CANNELL	19		

GOALS

20	MACLEOD	2	Paul LEWIS
9	GREECHAN	1	A. BENNETT
4	WALL	1	Peter LEWIS
3	MORREY	1	WILLIAMS
3	WALLACE	1	Own Goal

PHILIPS CUP

BENNETT	1	MORREY	1
CANNELL	1	VASSALLO	1
CRILLY	1	WALL	1
DENYS	1		
GARDINER	1		
HOGBEN	1		
LEWIS, Peter	1		
MACLEOD	1		

1	MACLEOD
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Lou Denys and Gus Macleod achieved major landmarks in the overall records of the club during the past season.

Lou became the first player to reach the 100 appearance mark in the State League in the away game against George Cross and finished the season with 107 State League games for the club behind him to consolidate his lead at the top of the Overall Appearance List.

Gus Macleod appeared out of nowhere to overtake Andy Segi in the scorers' list due to his mammoth 20 goal tally during the year. Segi had scored 19 goals in 4 seasons for the club.

In the Appearance List, Willie Vassallo jumped from 5th place into third position and barring injuries should overtake John Patten into second place early next season.

Gerry Bennett and David Hogben both made significant jumps up to be among the ten leading players with most appearances.

Kit Greechan made a similar big splash in the scorers list and planted himself firmly in 4th position overall with his 9 goals this past season.

Ten new players wore the Green and White of the Club for the first time this year to bring the number of different players who represented the Gully at one time or another in the State League to 63.

But despite the big influx of new blood, this year the club used only a total of 15 players for the 22 games in stark contrast to 1977 when 28 different players were experimented with.

The full overall records of the club are as follows:

Green Gully's Full Appearance Record in State League 1977 — 1981

DENYS	107	SMART	21	SMITH, L	4-5
PATTIN	79-1	KLARIN	20-1	BANAGAN, T	4-1
VASSALLO	77-1	LEWIS, Peter	20-1	BORG, Mick	3
SEGI	65-7	GREECHAN	19-2	MUTIC	3
DONALDSON	65	DANIELS	19-1	GAMBIN, M	2-3
BENNETT, G	43	CANNELL	19	LEWIS, Paul	2-3
VOJTEK	42-1	BANAGAN, P	18-1	SARTROE	2-2
PERKIN	41-5	McGILL	18-1	TORNER, H	2-2
HOGBEIN	38-7	DUNNE	17	BANAGAN, M	2-1
THOMSON, Les	37-6	THOMPSON, Joe	16-2	GRADY	2
MORREY	36-2	WILLIAMS, Jim	15-3	SPITERI, M	2
CAIN	34	WALL	14-4	MANCINELLI	1-2
McCARTHY	31	COLE	14-1	TORNER, B	1-2
BENNIE	27-4	HAMILL	11-5	COLLINS	1
TRIBUZIO	26-8	MILLAR	10-2	DEBRINCAT	1
CRILLY	26-8	WALLACE	9-1	MARSHALL	1
KLARIN	23-2	BENNETT, A	7	MUSCAT	1
CARR	23	BELLER	6-8	AGIUS	-1
BERENS	22-1	WATTMAN	6-6	BERANIC, D	-1
GARDINER	22	PAVLEKOVIC	5-2	MAGRO	-1
MACLEOD	22	ODONNELL	5	VELLA	-1

TOTAL: 63 Players; 1210 appearances

GOALS AND GOALSCORERS

MACLEOD	20	KLARIN	4	DUNNE	1
SEGI	19	WALL	4	GRADY	1
PERKIN	11	OG's	4	LEWIS, Peter	1
BENNIE	9	WALLACE	3	MANCINELLI	1
GREECHAN	9	DANIELS	2	McCARTHY	1
CARR	8	GARDINER	2	MILLAR	1
PATTIN	8	LEWIS, Paul	2	PAVLEKOVIC	1
MORREY	7	McGILL	2	SARTROE	1
TRIBUZIO	7	BENNETT, A	1	WATTMAN	1
VASSALLO	6	BENNETT, G	1	WILLIAMS	1
VOJTEK	6	BERENS	1		
HAMILL	4	CAIN	1		

PLAYERS AND GOALS

1977	28 players	1977	23 goals
1978	22 players	1978	32 goals
1979	22 players	1979	20 goals
1980	17 players	1980	29 goals
1981	15 players	1981	47 goals

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Numbers below player's names denote shirt number during game.

* Denotes was substituted during game. S. Denotes was a substitute during the game.

DATE	TEAM	VENUE	RESULT	POSITION	DENYS	LEWIS	BENNETT	GARDINER	CANNELL	WILLIAMS	GREECHAN	VASSALLO	MCLEOD	WALL	MORREY	SMART	CRILLY	HOGDEN	WALLACE	BENNETT A	LEWIS P	D. BERANIC	SCORERS
AMPOL CUP																							
Sat. Feb. 7	Brunswick Juventus	A	L 0-1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 16	Croydon City	H	W 2-2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat. 21	Sunshine City	A	W 4-2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 1	Dovecot	A	W 1-1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat. 7	Northcote City (S.F.)	A	W 3-1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat. 14	Essendon (F)	A	W 2-2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat. 21	Croydon	A	W 3-2		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
PHILIPS CUP																							
Wed. Mar. 11	Essendon	A	L 1-3		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	5	8	-	-	-	-	-
STATE LEAGUE																							
Sat. Apr. 4	Sunshine City	A	W 1-0		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 12	Northcote City	H	W 3-1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 19	Dovecot	A	D 0-0		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 26	George Cross	H	W 1-0		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 3	Fingwood City	H	W 5-0		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
May 9	St. Kilda Hakoah	H	L 0-1	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat. 17	Frankston City	H	W 3-0	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 24	Brunswick Juventus	A	W 4-0	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 31	Essendon	H	L 0-1	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
June 7	Croydon City	A	L 2-3	2nd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 14	Altona City	H	W 1-0	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 21	Sunshine City	H	W 3-1	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 28	Northcote City	A	W 5-1	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 5	Dovecot	H	D 0-0	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 12	George Cross	A	W 2-0	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 19	Hingwood City	A	W 2-0	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 26	Hakoah (kick-off 1pm)	A	W 3-1	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 3	Frankston City	A	W 2-1	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 10	Brunswick Juventus	H	W 3-0	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 17	Essendon	A	W 2-0	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 24	Croydon City	H	W 3-1	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sun. 31	Altona City	A	W 3-1	1st	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-

DOCKERTY CUP

Sun. May 17	Albion Rovers	H	W4-0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7*	8	9	-	11	-	10	-	-	S	Peter Lewis, Macleod, Morrey, Seranic
Mon. June 8	Polonia	H	W2-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-	8	9	-	11	-	10	-	8	-
Sun. Sept. 13	Frankston City (O.F.)	H	W5-0	1	2	3	4	5	-	7*	8	9	8	11	-	10	-	6*	S	Hogben, Williams, Macleod 2, Vassallo, Graechan, Paul Lewis
Sun. Sept. 20	Croydon (S.F.)	A	W1-0	1	2	3	4	5	8	7	-	9	10	11	-	-	-	8	S	Graechan
Sun. Sept. 27	Sunshine City (F)	A	W2-0	1	2	3	4	5	10	7	8	9	-	11*	-	-	-	8	S	Paul Lewis, Peter Lewis

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 GREEN GULLY	22	8	1	2	21	4	9	1	1	26	7	36
2 ESSENDON	22	7	3	1	28	10	5	3	3	13	10	30
3 DOVETON	22	2	7	2	15	17	5	5	1	14	9	26
4 CROYDON CITY	22	7	2	2	27	10	2	5	4	13	16	25
5 GEORGE CROSS	22	5	1	5	12	11	6	2	3	17	9	25
6 RINGWOOD CITY	22	4	3	4	15	14	4	1	6	17	28	20
7 HAKOAH	22	4	4	3	16	19	2	4	5	11	22	20
8 SUNSHINE CITY	22	3	1	7	10	15	5	2	4	20	19	19
9 NORTHCOTE CITY	22	3	2	6	15	22	4	3	4	17	23	19
10 FRANKSTON CITY	22	2	3	6	15	16	5	1	5	19	21	18
11 BRUNSWICK JUVENIUS	22	3	2	6	12	23	4	2	5	10	13	18
12 ALTONA CITY	22	1	2	8	14	25	1	2	8	9	23	8



Lou Denys



Gerry Bennett



Gus Macleod



John Gardiner

EVERPRESENT IN THE LEAGUE 1981

DID ADIDAS HELP We have not lost since our new strip.



GREEN GULLY KICK ON WITH ADIDAS

Back Row: Bobby McLachlan (Manager-Coschi), Gerry Bennett, Peter Lewis, Kevin Wall, Gus McLeod, Lou Denys, Michael Lukac Stuart Cannell, Bill Morrey.

Front Row: Alan Bennett, Paul Lewis, Gordon Wallace, Kit Greechan, John Gardiner (Capt.), David Hogben, Jimmy Williams.

ROTHMANS GOLD MEDAL AWARD NIGHT



The Thorn between the Roses. FRANK BURIN, GROATIA Manager meets up with our President, Guy Spiteri (right), Bobby McLachlan, and Arnold Langer (left).

Players of the Future

The Reserves team had to undergo a minor change prior to the start of the season; this was mainly due to five players trying their soccer stints elsewhere.

The team started the season on a very good note. They had progressed through the third round of the Harry Armstrong Cup and won 3 and drawn 1 from their 4 league matches. In all, the team had gone through 11 games undefeated, including 5 pre-season matches. For a total of 5 weeks, the Reserves headed the league ladder and looked set for a very successful season until their first loss to Ringwood City. That loss started a downward trend, the loss knocked out all the confidence from the team and eventually found themselves amassing 8 straight defeats and also out of contention in the Harry Armstrong Cup.

Everything seemed lost and the team found themselves at the bottom of the league ladder. The lads did not lose hope and eventually, mainly due to their fighting back capabilities, launched a final comeback, winning 3 and drawing 6 matches from their remaining 10 games. The team had climbed back up the league ladder to finish in fifth position with 6 wins, 8 draws and 8 defeats.

Some good results were obtained against Essendon, winning 2-1 at Olympic Park, after the team had been reduced to 10 men. Two convincing wins against Sunshine City and Doveton, winning by good margins; 4-0 and 5-1 respectively and a moralising victory over Hakoah, last season's champions at Middle Park, with the final score reading 3-1.

Some outstanding efforts were shown during the season by Eddie Kuzman. One instance, dating back to the first round of the season against Sunshine City; Eddie, single-handedly, outmanoeuvred the Sunshine Defence by beating their offside trap — dribbled past two defenders, side-stepped the goalkeeper and slotted home his first goal of the season.

Another amazing effort was that of Fab Mancinelli, whom after being sidelined for 4 weeks due to injury, came on as a substitute against Doveton, in the second half. The team, at that stage were down 1-0, but Fab decided to take the initiative and scored two goals in a matter of 4 minutes to carve a victory path for his team who finished winning the game 5-1.

Over all, the team did experience some disappointments due to unforeseen circumstances and at times struggled to field 11 fit men. But thanks to the Under 19's management and coach, their co-operation was tremendous, and the players who were called in to support the reserves performed very well to their credit. These players were: **Ray Grech, Frank Ghirxi, Mark Knauer, Lou Canov** and **David Fenech**.



Joe Camilleri: Coach.

Ray Rossi:



Played with the Under 19's for most of the season. However has made a very good impression on his debut against Croatia. Will become an even better striker once he rectifies some of his faults.

Brian Kerr:



Another Under 19 player who was called upon when the reserves were experiencing a slump. Lacks close ball control but makes up for it with his non-stop efforts and adventurous runs forward. Scorer of a great goal against Sunshine City from outside the penalty area.

Lino Grech:



Alternates with Mike Lukac for the keeping position. Although Lino lacks a bit of height, he makes up for it through his tenacity and reflex saves. Overall Lino had a good season.

Mike Lukac:



Unfortunately, Mike was sidelined for a few matches due to injury. His confidence was slightly damaged but still managed to carry out his duties to the best of his capabilities.

Paul Beranic:



The youngest player in the Reserves squad — represents Victoria Under 16's. A stocky fullback, he has acquitted himself very creditably — a player to watch for the coming season.

John Bonello:



Suffered loss of confidence earlier on in the season. Switched from attack to defence and has come up trumps. His best games were against Croatia, Hakoah, Doveton and George Cross.

Zdravko Krizanac:



Had to be sacrificed from being played as an attacking midfielder due to injuries in the team. However Zdravko has been instrumental in launching many attacks from his searching runs forward. A very strong tackler. Best games Doveton and Croatia.

Fab Mancinelli:



Has had a very inconsistent season, mainly due to his fiery character. Played his best games in centre back position, filling in for Ron Kremers whilst he was injured. Great potential, but has to learn to concentrate harder and control his emotions.

Ron Kremers:



The captain of the team. A promising young centre-back or sweeper; did have a lapse during mid-season due to continuous losses. Missed last 4 league matches due to injury.

Con Sarros:



Joined the club from St Albans this year. Made an impact on his debut against Doveton in the second round of the season. Although not a strong tackler, his ball control and distribution has been an asset to the team.

Albert Volkert:



A great character on and off the field. A very good player who travels from Brighton to train with the reserves. Has participated in only 10 games but has been instrumental in mostly all the wins the team has achieved. Plays midfield or wing.

Eddy Kuzman:



A very speedy striker who possesses a lethal shot. Is the side's equal leading goal scorer and has run third in the clubs Player of the Year Award.

Peter Conner:



A very cool defender who was instrumental in the teams revival. His love of the game and experience helped his teammates on the field of play.

John Curcio:



A very speedy player who has improved in the skills department. His finishing was his only downfall — however he did give tremendous support when given the task.

Danny Beranic:



Won the Club's Player of the Year Award. Danny is a very skillful player who possesses great vision and close control. Played as sweeper, midfielder and also striker.

Tony Camilleri:



Joined the club from George Cross this year. Had a fiery reputation but soon settled down to play consistent soccer. Lacks fitness but his working rate is excellent. Runner-up in the Player of the Year Award.

Joe Pantallersco:



Team Manager, Masseuse, Property Officer, Transport Driver, etc., etc., etc. A hard working supporter who loves the game and does all for the Gully Boys.

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